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LOCAL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Dr. Otosen of Willard called on friends here Sunday.

G. W. Ferrel and family moved to La Jara Ranch Tuesday.

Persons wishing to buy good dairy cows, call on Mrs. Olive.

Fine Clothes.—For an up-to-date suit, and guaranteed fit, see S. N. Jensen.

Mrs. H. C. Williams visited in Willard from Monday evening to Tuesday morning.

For sale, 160 acres deeded land, 6 miles west of Stanley, N. M. Write Box 26, Alamogordo, N. M.

W. W. Wagner has ice to sell, but will deliver once a day only, before 8 a. m. I. N. Shirley, at the old Hughes corral, has charge, and will receive and fill orders.

One new Melotte cream separator 700 pounds per hour capacity, one good 8-year-old work horse, one good saddle pony, gentle and will work; all for sale, or will trade one or all for young cattle.—Wm. Winkel, Encino, N. M.

W. H. Hancock, formerly a resident of the valley, now of Las Vegas, came in last week for a visit with old friends and to look after business, and remained several days. Mr. Hancock says that the valley looks natural and familiar to him.

C. J. Wallace and family, old settlers in the vicinity of McIntosh who left several years ago and have been in California since, were on Tuesday's train bound for the old homestead. Mr. Wallace says they have returned to stay.

It appears that George Munshower got in the tree planting game a year or two ago, and the little trees in his enclosure look very pretty now in their new green dresses. George can sit under the shade of his own trees, if not his own vine and fig tree.

M. T. Dansby, a colored convict who was working at the Tijeras road camp, made his getaway a few days ago. Word was sent to the officers here, and J. A. Brittain and Frank Laws gathered in the colored brother. He was returned to the penitentiary at Santa Fe Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Senter picked up a lot of the trimmings from the trees planted in town a few weeks ago and planted them on their ranch where they can be watered by a windmill pump. Nearly all of the cuttings are growing and rooting nicely. In a few years they will have more trees than anybody.

D. S. King, who has been working on his mining claim in the Priest canyon district, returned to his home near McIntosh last Friday with his eyes out of commission. He was caught by a blow-out in his mine work, and his eyes were so badly injured that he will be disabled for some time.

Willard, N. M., May 6.—Word has reached here of the finding of a decomposed body of a man about four miles north of Scholle. It is thought the man had been dead about one year. Also, the remains of two horses, each one showing a bullet hole in their heads, were found. There was nothing to indicate the identity of the man, and the whole thing is a mystery.—New Mexican.

Monday was a warm day, perfectly cloudless and calm, but the air was full of very fine dust. Looking at objects under a mile distant the dust in the air was not apparent, but it was there in sufficient quantity to obscure the mountains so that but a faint outline could be distinguished. The theory of the wise ones is that this dust was carried to a great height by winds elsewhere, and because of the absence of wind settled down here.

Rex Meador is in Albuquerque on business.

Ray Burrus is home from school for the summer.

Mr. McClintock has rented the Brown place west of town.

B. L. Fielder, Mrs. Pearl Richards' father, is very sick.

Mrs. A. A. Hine, who has been very sick, is recovering slowly.

Dr. Ewing returned Wednesday from a business trip to Santa Fe.

A good four room cottage in Estancia for sale.—Mrs. M. M. Olive.

Mrs. Grace Goodin left Wednesday for Albuquerque, where she will make her home.

The Pace families and Miss Nannie Marsh spent Saturday and Sunday in Albuquerque.

Dorothy Bowman, who has been visiting with friends here, will leave for Albuquerque Friday.

Three or four parties of land-seekers from Texas were here last week looking over the country.

Richard Crawford, who has been in Texas for some time, has returned to the Crawford ranch west of Estancia.

Mr. Clayton, a cattle buyer, was here the first of the week looking at cattle, but left without buying any.

Mrs. John Lasater, who went to Santa Fe last week for an operation on her throat, returned to Estancia Monday evening.

H. Swayne and family, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, came last Thursday to visit the Crawfords west of town and at Moriarty.

Bert Ladriere, a member of the National Guard who has been in Estancia several months, has been ordered to report for duty.

On last Friday the Milbourns shipped to Kansas City the cattle they had been feeding during the winter. There were fifty-five head, and they were loaded in two cars. The cattle had been fed principally on silage, but had some grain toward the end of the period. Most of them looked very fine, and it was expected that they would sell well. The largest one weighed 1610.

The contractors who are drilling the wells on the state land in the northeast part of this county were in town yesterday. It will be remembered that the first well, which was put down 800 feet, was a dry hole. They are now at work on the second well and are down between 700 and 800 feet. They have struck a little water in this one, about two and one-half gallons per minute. At present they are hung up because of the loss of some tools in the hole.

Mr. Senter's accident with a windmill last Thursday morning, mentioned briefly last week, was pretty serious. He lost the middle finger of the left hand at the middle joint, the end of the first finger, and the other fingers are badly lacerated. He will not be able to make a full hand climbing poles for some time to come.

J. F. Lasater and H. C. Keene sold two hundred head of two-year-old steers last week, to be shipped to Denver. They got \$42.50 per head. The steers were driven to Willard to load. The shorter haul would have been to load here and transfer to the Santa Fe at Kennedy, but the Santa Fe and N. M. C. do not seem to work together.

N. A. Wells invited a few friends to dine with him at the Valley Hotel May 9th to celebrate his four score birthday. He urged all to come as they might not be here for his fifth score. After dinner speeches were made by all present, T. S. Smith and Mrs. J. J. Smith. Some good stories were told and a very enjoyable time was had. A letter of congratulation from Mrs. Minnie Brumback was read and very much appreciated by all. Eighteen cards of congratulations were received from the Woman's Club and were certainly appreciated. All hoped to be present at the next "mile stone." Those present were: J. J. Smith and wife, John Berkshire and wife, George Fenley and wife, H. C. Williams and wife and T. S. Smith.

Five antelope out of a bunch of six were slain by game butchers and game law violators in the Estancia valley last week, according to advices received by the Santa Fe Game Protective Association from Mr. Shearon, of Moriarty. One buck escaped, according to Mr. Shearon. The matter has been reported by the association to the state game warden. In view of the fact that the beautiful antelope are almost extinct in New Mexico, the crime is a shocking one and the people of this section, sportsmen and non-sportsmen alike feel that prompt and effective action should be taken to bring the guilty parties to justice.—New Mexican.

What do you think of a toll bridge in the Estancia Valley? Sounds strange, doesn't it? But it is a concrete fact. For the past ten days or more Mesterio draw has been impassable for automobiles except over a bridge which Saturnino Luera had built in his pasture. The bridge is not a very substantial affair, and finally it occurred to Mr. Luera to make the consumer pay the tariff. To be more explicit, he conceived the idea of making the travelers pay for material to build a better bridge. So he put up a barrier and charges the autoists a fee to cross. Many autoists have stuck in attempting to ford the draw, and paid a much bigger fee to get somebody to pull them out with horses. Doctors Amble and Mason, who are among the heavy sufferers, collected \$40 by public contribution to buy material to build a bridge on the highway, but the road authorities deem it impracticable to build a bridge now. So we are like the Arkansas sawyer with regard to his roof. When the draw is running we can't build a bridge, and when it isn't we don't need it. So the matter remains "in statu quo" for the present, and Mr. Luera continues to collect either bridge toll or a fee for pulling the luckless autoist out of the mud. Torreon draw is giving trouble, too. It is carrying a pretty large volume of water down to the railroad track, and while the autoists are having trouble crossing it, the railroad people are beginning to be apprehensive of a soft track. What a great pity it is that the great volume of water carried down by these two draws could not be impounded and used for irrigation.

REAL HERFORD BULLS
We have some excellent young Hereford bulls representing some of the best blood lines of the leading tribes. All good live ones raised out of doors and no house plants. Write E. F. Mad-den, Hays, Kansas.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
Estancia got a little thrill Wednesday when word came by phone from Capt. Safford of Santa Fe, asking how many volunteers for border service could be enrolled from this county. Of course nobody could tell how many might want to go. However, it was arranged that a recruiting officer would come, and meanwhile the following notices were issued:

"Wanted, Volunteers.—Men are wanted for border service. Recruiting officer will be in Estancia in a few days, and meantime those willing to volunteer are asked to phone or call at the sheriff's office."

"Se Necesitan Voluntarios.—Se necesitan hombres para el servicio en la frontera. Oficiales Recrutantes estaran en Estancia en pocos dias. Mientras, los que deseen entrar en servicio se les suplica de telefonar o llamar a la oficina del Alguacil Mayor."

Presumably the men are wanted to fill up the ranks of the New Mexico National Guard, which has been ordered into service by the government. The National Guard of Texas and Arizona also has been ordered out. The governor of Texas has also ordered out the Texas Rangers.

A GOOD TALKER

Do any of our readers know George E. Ritter, ranchman of the state of Durango, in Mexico? He came into Estancia last Thursday on foot, and said he had walked from Eagle Pass, Texas. He was on his way to Albuquerque, where he thinks he can procure the means to live until it is safe for him to return to his ranch in Mexico. His conversation is interesting, and one of his statements in particular is more than interesting if true. He says he has been in Mexico nineteen years, and in partnership with three other men, two of them natives, owns a large ranch in the mountainous country northwest of the city of Durango, with thousands of head of horses, mules, cattle and goats. He is an intimate friend of Villa, the now famous bandit having worked for him as a freighting eighteen years ago. And here is his statement that is more than interesting: He says he talked with Villa on his ranch the evening previous to the Columbus raid, and again the next evening, and frequently since, until he considered it wise for himself to quit the country. This is 450 miles from Columbus. According to Ritter's statement Villa has had his camp where it now is, in the mountains near the Ritter ranch, ever since his marriage to that fourth wife; that the bandit is devoting his entire attention to this lady, with hunting and fishing as a side issue to his amorous devotions, and that he couldn't be pulled away from there with a six mule team.

Ritter says the fact that he is a refugee is due to his friendship for Villa, which has gained him the bitter enmity of the Carrancistas. He says that Villa is perfectly safe from the Carrancistas where he is; that he could call ten thousand men to his standard at any time he so desired, and that his enemies in Mexico could never take him and know better than to try. They know where he is, but they don't want to see him.

Ritter's flight was due to a raid on his ranch by Carrancistas and the fear that the U. S. soldiers might get down there to help them, the advance guard having been within eighty miles of his ranch. In that event his only safety would be with Villa, and he did not want to be drawn into fighting against the United States.

Hence he decided that as he must otherwise join Villa he had better make an effort to get across the Rio Grande. He had to make a run for it, and left with a single companion in an automobile. He went by way of Torreon and San Pedro, crossing the desert from the latter place to Monclova, and thence to Piedras Negras. Here he anticipated danger in applying to the Carranza officials for a passport, and so decided to force the issue. He made a run for the bridge at such high speed that the guards were taken by surprise and could do nothing but get out of the way at both ends of the bridge. He was quickly out of sight of the guards, but had to stop for something to eat, and was found by a soldier who summoned him before the commanding officer. He decided not to face this trouble, and as his companion had been passive and was unlikely to have serious trouble over the affair, the automobile was left in the possession of the latter and Ritter slipped out and made his escape on foot. He made his way to San Antonio and thence by way of Lubbock to New Mexico with the design of reaching Albuquerque.

This in brief is Ritter's story, and if it isn't true, it is an interesting romance. He is a well informed man of much force and ability. That much is true beyond any doubt. He speaks German and Spanish fluently and his English has a broad German accent.

He is a tall, well made man, bronzed, muscular and strong. He was well dressed and clean. While being drawn out by a representative of this paper he showed high nervous tension, and was very bitter against Carranza.

FEDERATION MEETING

The Torrance County Federation of Woman's Clubs met in Willard on Thursday, April 27, at Herndon Hall. During the morning while the guests were arriving the time was given to renewing acquaintances and forming new ones.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served at beautifully appointed tables, decorated with vases of gorgeous red carnations.

Following the luncheon a business meeting of the Federation was called by the president, Mrs. G. V. Hanlon of Mountainair. Mrs. Roland Harwell was appointed treasurer to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. D. Robinson, of Estancia. Moriarty asked to entertain the Federation in June.

At the close of the business session the program for the afternoon was given. Mrs. M. H. Senter of Estancia read a very interesting paper on "The Benefit of the Club to the Home."

The discussion that followed was interesting and helpful. Mrs. C. L. Burt of Mountainair read a thoughtful and comprehensive paper on "The Responsibility of Voter and Citizen for Conditions Conducive to Health, Morality, Happiness and General Good Citizenship of All Good People." During the discussion it was decided that each club needed to select certain things most needed in its vicinity and work for those things. Reports were then given of work done during the winter by the four clubs comprising the Federation. The session closed after the following report of the program committee for the June meeting:

Willard—Paper.
Estancia—Reading.
Mountainair—Music and Paper.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Epworth League meeting at 7 p. m. at the Methodist church.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.

May 8, 1916.
Notice is hereby given that Sarah Smith, of Estancia, New Mexico, who, on June 5th, 1909, and November 17th, 1915, made homestead entries, Nos. 010388 and 025112, for sec. 10, Section 10, and the sw. 1/4, Section 11, Township 7 north, Range 9 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make a five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Neal Jensen, U. S. Commissioner, at Estancia, New Mexico, on the 22nd day of June, 1916.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Kate Braxton, Harry E. Ogilvie, Mrs. Linnie Constant, Mark A. Smith, all of Estancia, New Mexico.
FRANCISCO DELGADO, Register.
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